

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 24, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>

Dear Families,

In Shrewsbury being awarded professional status is not a given. Rather it's the result of three years of hard work and dedication to continuous improvement. This evening we'll celebrate two skillful educators as they attain professional status at Coolidge.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. McQuade and Mrs. Pickett:

Linda McQuade

When Mrs. Linda McQuade was hired as a new teacher on the first grade team, she arrived with experience in Shrewsbury. Linda came to our school by way of Paton, where she had abundant experience as a fourth grade teacher before raising her family and serving as a literacy tutor. We're very glad she ended up with us! Although Reading is undoubtedly Mrs. McQuade's first love, she is a skillful teacher across the board. Importantly, she is also a kind and thoughtful colleague, a generous spirit, an incredibly hard worker and a lifelong learner. Her dual degree and her determination to reach every child make Mrs. McQuade a terrific support for our first graders and an asset to our school community as a whole. Congratulations **again**, Mrs. McQuade!

Erin Pickett

It's my pleasure to extend yet another 'Congratulations!' to Mrs. Erin Pickett as well. Erin was hired at Coolidge in 2013 following a first career at Floral Street School. First in her role as a Title 1 tutor and then as part of our Special Education team, Erin has made consistent contributions to our intervention efforts since her arrival. Her ability to see children from multiple perspectives helps her to match the right strategy to each student. Mrs. Pickett certainly puts the fun in Foundations. Further, her commitment to excellence and her work ethic inspire confidence with parents and colleagues alike. Her determination to support inclusive practices has helped to raise expectations. Her calm confidence inspires trust and motivates everyone to make positive contributions.

We are fortunate that these two professionals join a committed group of colleagues. Indeed, our school community is strong because our teachers are skillful and steadfast in their support of one another.

Sincerely,

Amy



Important Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 24	Coolidge Clothing Drive 10/24-11/18) info below
Oct. 28	School Photo Retake Day (1:45)
Oct. 28	School Store
Nov. 2-10	BOOK FAIR
Nov. 5	Coolidge Boys Fall Formal (info coming home this week)
Nov. 8	NO SCHOOL – PARENT CONFERENCES & ELECTION DAY
Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL – VETERANS' DAY
Nov. 21	4 th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm

Coolidge Book Fair

Watch for the Scholastic Book Fair flyers going home today. The Book Fair will be open during school hours and from 8:00-3:00 on Nov. 8th, Parent Conference day. You can also purchase books online through Scholastic. Here is the link:
<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/media/index.cfm>



COOLIDGE CLOTHING DRIVE

Keep sending in your clothing, sheets, towels, blankets and drapes for the annual Coolidge School Clothing Drive. It is now underway and will run Monday, October 24 through Friday, November 18.

The material donations help the Epilepsy Foundation and Coolidge School gets \$.20 per pound.

Last year, Coolidge School collected over 3000 pounds of material and raised \$607!!! Starting on October 24, you can send in or drop off bags of materials in the Coolidge lobby.

Coolidge School Clothing Drive

Coolidge School will be having our 3rd clothing drive starting October 24th until November 18th. All donations need to be made of cloth-sheets, towels, blankets, all types of clothing, drapes, etc.



Along with making money for the school we will be helping by donating the items to the Epilepsy Foundation. Our school will get \$.20 per pound for the items donated.



We will keep the students involved by having them check to make sure the barrels are kept in order and any overflow will be stored until weigh-in day. We feel this could be a great learning experience for the students as well.

The barrels will be kept in the main lobby, so you can send the items with your child or bring them in yourself. Thank you in advance for your support.

From the Nurse:

Halloween Safety Tips

Here are some quick safety tips to assist you and your children for a fun night if you participate in Halloween.

S- Be safe with costumes, they should be flexible and flame resistant. costumes and shoes should be well fitting. Eyeholes on masks should be large enough so children can see.

A- Avoid Trick-or Treating alone; travel in groups, with family and friends. Know the route or neighborhood that your children will be traveling in.

F- Fasten reflective tape on costumes or bags to help drivers see children better. Carrying glow sticks and using flashlights are also a great way for others to see children.

E-Examine treats for choking hazards or tampering. Eat only factory made treats and avoid homemade treats from strangers.

H- Have Fun!

A -Always test makeup on skin in small area before applying on entire face, some children are sensitive to certain costume make-up.

L- Look both ways before crossing the street.

L- Look at alternatives to just distributing candy, there are non-food treats, pretzels, trail mix, granola bars, etc.

O- Only walk on sidewalks, or the far edge of street facing traffic

W- Walk from house to house and avoid running, especially if poorly lit.

E-Enter homes only with a trusted adult, visit well lit homes.

E- Encourage your children to be mindful of the amount of snacks eaten, and eat in moderation

N-Never take a ride from strangers



Calvin Coolidge Elementary School



No time for breakfast at home?

We've made it easy for your student to enjoy a healthy breakfast at school. School breakfast is proven to improve student behavior, test scores and attendance, so don't let your student miss out on the most important meal of the school day!

BREAKFAST IS SERVED

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE
OF A WELL-BALANCED
SCHOOL BREAKFAST AT
THE LOW PRICE OF:**

\$1.50

Visit
e.g. <https://shrewsburypublicschool.apsva.us>
to learn what's on the menu.

Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL
Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.*

Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.

AUG/SEP 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August/September

8/25 & 26	New Teachers' Orientation
8/29	Opening Program for Staff
8/30	Students Return/Full Day
9/2	Professional Development/No School
9/5	Labor Day/No School

October

10/7	Professional Development/No School
10/10	Columbus Day/No School

November

11/8	Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School
11/11	Veterans Day/No School
11/23 - 25	Thanksgiving Vacation

December

12/6	Professional Development/Early Release
12/26 - 12/30	December Vacation

January

1/2	New Year's Day (Observed)
1/16	M.L. King Day/No School

February

2/7	Professional Development/Early Release
2/20	Presidents Day/No School
2/21 - 2/24	Winter Vacation

March

3/7	Professional Development/Early Release
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April

4/4	Professional Development/Early Release
4/17	Patriots Day/No School
4/18 - 21	Spring Vacation

May

5/2	Professional Development/Early Release
5/26	Last Day for Seniors
5/29	Memorial Day/No School

June

6/1	Graduation Day
6/12	Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool
6/14	Last Day/Half Day for Students

February 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE 10 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

0 snow days = 6/14 last day
1 snow day = 6/15 last day
2 snow days = 6/16 last day
3 snow days = 6/19 last day
4 snow days = 6/20 last day
5 snow days = 6/21 last day

From the Office:

If your child will be absent from school due to a religious holiday, please let the office know so we can mark the attendance correctly.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:

<http://schools.shrewsbury.ma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO"

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are

welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraiser
2. Epilepsy Foundation Clothing Drive
3. Teacher of the Month Forms
4. Thank you for supporting Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser
5. School Store.com Fundraiser
6. Variety Show
7. School Store

1. PTO fundraiser: **Kidstuff Coupon Book**

Hop to it ! This is the last week of the fundraiser. Won't you help our school earn 50% of the profits from purchasing this awesome KidStuff Coupon book?

If you wish to purchase the book, please turn in the collection envelope with a check made payable to Coolidge PTO for \$25. If you do not wish to purchase the book,

the book must be returned to school this week. All coupon books need to be accounted for by **October 28th**. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Gardner at gardnercc@hotmail.com Or Jane Bell at janebell72@hotmail.com

2. Clothing Drive - Coolidge's third annual Clothing Drive is starting on Monday, October 24th. Please send in your bags for our drive for the Epilepsy Foundation with your student or anytime throughout the school day. We are hoping to beat our last year's donation of over 3000 pounds of clothing. This year they are also taking shoes, boots, pocketbooks, backpacks and any kinds of bags. Thanks for helping this wonderful endeavor.

3. Don't forget to send in your forms for teacher of the month this week. We will draw our first name on Friday morning.

4. Thank you to everyone who came out to Chuck E Cheese to support Coolidge on Friday!

5. Keep turning in those forms for the school [store.com](https://www.schoolstore.com) fundraiser that went home. One person in the school will win \$100. You have to check that golden ticket. Then send the envelope back with your number on it and your child will receive a prize.

6. This is the last week to sign up for the **Variety Show**. I will send one more flyer home this week.

7. **School Store - This Friday, October 28th is School Store.** Please remind your student that they are only able to spend up to \$1.00 at the store. Also, please have your student in fourth grade check the schedule to see if they are scheduled to work this Friday. There is a schedule in each fourth grade classroom if they have forgotten. Also, thank you for the donations that have been sent into school.

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com